Southern California-Dredged Material Management Team (SC-DMMT): Origin

- History:
  - In place since approx. August 2008;
  - Modeled after San Francisco DMMO;
  - Coordination principles & procedures in place since January 2010.

- Rationale:
  - Permitting for dredging and disposal often lengthy and complex, involving several federal and state agencies;
  - Increased coordination among agencies decreases redundancy and increases efficiency.

- Original goal:
  - Establish interagency team for coordinated review of dredging projects and dredging policy issues within the Southern California area (San Diego, Orange, Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara, and parts of San Luis Obispo Counties).

SC-DMMT Participants

- Core Member Agencies (have permitting authority over dredging-related projects):
  - Core membership:
    - Corps (Civil Works and Regulatory programs);
    - California Coastal Commission;
    - RWQCB (Central Coast, LA, Santa Ana, and San Diego Regions);
    - EPA.

- Other regulatory agencies invited

- Non-member Involvement:
  - Participation in SC-DMMT meetings limited to agencies, applicants and applicant representatives;
  - SC-DMMT meetings not currently open to public.

SC-DMMT Scope

- Projects typically reviewed:
  - Corps navigation dredging projects;
  - Dredging projects regulated by the Corps;
  - Other projects requiring sediment testing per the requirements of the Inland Testing Manual and/or Ocean Testing Manual;
  - Excluding projects selected for CSTF review.

- Scope:
  - Technical issues associated with dredging projects;
  - Dredging sampling and analysis plans, sampling results based on approved plans, and suitability determinations;
  - Policy issues associated with dredging project development, evaluation, suitability determinations, and approval and with dredged material disposal and beneficial reuse.

- Schedule, Location: Meets at Corps office in LA on fourth Wednesdays.

SC-DMMT Authority

- Authority:
  - It is understood an individual agency's permit decisions will generally be consistent with positions expressed by that particular agency, as reflected in the final meeting notes;
  - However, agency permit decisions and project review for NEPA/CEQA compliance are not restricted by SC-DMMT decisions;
  - SC-DMMT has no decision-making authority in and of itself.

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